

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/528,581

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/02/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 and 27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 3/20/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 and 27 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 13 are independent claim.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. **As to apparatus claim 1**, the present invention from the application discloses a printer comprising: “a second processing section for executing a second process in accordance with one or more commands of the second command type included in the received data stream together with the first command type, and executing the second process in preference to the first processing section performing the first process and being responsive to the indication device to perform the second process only if the indication device indicates the enabled state”. In contrast, the invention of the primary cited reference Akiyama et al. (US 5,594,653) is concerned with enabling real-time commands to be interpreted even in an off-line state. Therefore, the combination of the closest prior art such as Akiyama et al. and Motomi (JP 10278364 A), including an updated electronic text search, fails to render the above underlined limitations obvious.

As to method claim 13, the present invention discloses the method of controlling a printer contains similar is in enabled state from the apparatus claim 1, in which “carrying out a second process in response to a command of the second command type that is included in the received data stream together with the first command type, in preference to the step of carrying out the first process from the first process type, and only when execution of the command of the

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second command type is enabled in step of detecting the predetermined command among in the received data stream". In contrast, the invention of the primary cited reference Akiyama et al. (US 5,594,653) is concerned with enabling real-time commands to be interpreted even in an off-line state. Therefore, the combination of the closest prior art such as Akiyama et al. and Motomi (JP 10278364 A), including an updated electronic text search, fails to render the above underlined limitations obvious.

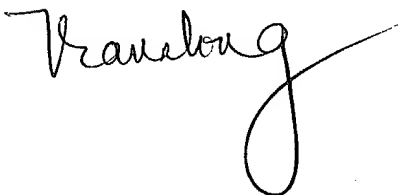
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-4857 or E-mail address is douglas.tran@uspto.gov.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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